



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2601, **Agenda Item #:** 26.

8/26/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board d/b/a Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board to fund and administer the Child Care Services for Essential Workers for COVID-19 Response to add one-time funds in the amount of \$2,500,000, revise the current term to 36 months by adding 24 months ending on September 30, 2023, and add two additional 12-month extension options ending on September 30, 2025 and one additional nine-month extension option ending on June 30, 2026, for a revised total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,445,170 .

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,500,000 is available in the Housing and Planning Department Office's Community Development Block Grant, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds. Funding for the remaining terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Prior Council Action:

September 17, 2020 - Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an agreement with WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board d/b/a Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board to fund and administer the Child Care Services for essential workers for COVID-19 Response in an amount not to exceed \$945,170 from Community Development Block Grant - COVID-19 funds for a 12-month term beginning October 1, 2020, on an 11-0 vote

May 21, 2020 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20200521-012 authorizing the acceptance of emergency grant funding in the amount of \$4,620,659 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)-based COVID-19 relief programs; and amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department Operating Budget by appropriating the \$4,620,659 accepted from HUD for CDBG-CV-based COVID-19 relief programs, on an 11-0 vote.

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will authorize Austin Public Health to amend an agreement with WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board d/b/a Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board to fund and administer the Child Care Services for essential workers for COVID-19 Response. The contract term shall be from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023.

Grant funding was released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on July 22, 2020, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act funds. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department was awarded the funding and has designated Austin Public Health (APH) to administer this agreement.

APH designates Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board as a CDBG subrecipient for the Child Care Services for essential workers for COVID-19 Response contract for Fiscal Years 2020-2023. Child care services will help avoid job loss of low-to moderate-income persons caused by decreased enrollment of children in child care by extending child care assistance for low-to moderate-income essential workers. Child care services will also enable essential workers whose employment was adversely affected by COVID-19, such as through the loss of work or pay, to take necessary time to find employment and job training. Eligible families must reside within the Austin city limits, have gross family income equal to or less than 80% of the median family income for the household size under the current HUD Income Limits, and must be actively case managed by a recognized social services agency.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.